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Debate in Congress

Rent subsidies due to expire

By Pat Christensen

Geneva Towers Section 8 subsidy contract will expire in 1991. What happens then is still uncertain. It is possible that the Department of Housing and Urban Development will extend the subsidies. However, there is a great deal of disagreement in Congress about whether to extend Section 8 subsidies.

Section 8 subsidy contracts allow for low income tenants to pay 30% of their income for rent while HUD pays the difference to the landlord to bring the rent up to what it considers "fair market rate."

Owners of buildings with certain Section 8 contracts may choose not to continue participating in the program by opting out at the end of their contract agreement. In San Francisco, more than 5,000 Section 8 apartments are in jeopardy. If an owner discontinues the program or if the program expires, tenants will have to pay the full market rate for their apartments or move out.

Geneva Towers has 540 Section 8 apartments. If Congress does not renew these Section 8 subsidies, those apartments will revert to open market rents.

Congress is considering another option to Section 8. This option has to do with vouchers which would be issued to low income families. The voucher system is uncertain now and there might be problems connected with it: An apartment house owner can discontinue accepting vouchers after one year; whereas the contract for Section 8 has a five year minimum. Many owners may not want to deal with vouchers. Vouchers follow the family, and Section 8 stays with the apartment. A voucher does not consider the size of an apartment. There is a flat rate, and there can be a gap between the amount of the voucher, 30% of the renter's income and the market value of the apartment. The renter would have to make up that difference.

According to Erica Silverberg of the San Francisco Coalition for Low Income Housing, a project of Catholic Charities, the fair thing for Congress to do is continue Section 8 subsidies.

"More than half of the Section 8 buildings in San Francisco are operated by nonprofit agencies which are not in the housing business to make money, but to provide a service. These buildings provide homes for older people and people with disabilities as well as low income families," Silverberg explained.

"If the voucher system goes into effect, these

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No Toxic Waste Facility in San Francisco!

Protect Our Health & Environment!

PROTEST!

Thurs., July 6, 12:30 p.m.

City Hall (Polk Street steps)

On July 6, the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing to discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the County's Hazardous Management Plan. This plan is proposing that a toxic waste facility be built in the southeastern section of San Francisco and Bayview-Hunter's Point, Visitacion Valley and Little Hollywood are the neighborhoods being mentioned.

The plan discusses siting of a so-called "Treatment, Storage and Disposal facility," and also mentions the possibility of a hazardous waste incinerator. The proposal is for the facility to accept industry's toxic waste from several counties.

These facilities are allegedly "state-of-the-art," but they will poison our communities and our environment. There will be toxic emissions. Accidents and leaks are inevitable.

On July 6, a coalition of community and environmental groups will be holding a demonstration against the proposed toxic waste facility, and in support of toxics use reduction. The community protest will take place Thursday, July 6, 12:30 p.m., at San Francisco City Hall, on the Polk Street steps.

Join together to demand that San Francisco City and County, the State of California, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency encourage industries to drastically reduce the use and production of toxic chemicals and toxic waste — and stop dumping their poisons on our neighborhoods, air and water.

For more information, call **474-6767**

The **Coalition to Stop the Toxic Waste Facility** includes: Greenpeace; District 8 Democratic Club; Visitacion Valley Grapevine; Little Hollywood Improvement Association; Visitacion Valley Improvement Association; Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods; Bayview-Hunter's Point Homeowners and Residential Community Development Council; All People's Congress; Ron Braithwaite, President, Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club*; Julie Cavanaugh, Director, Visitacion Valley Community Center*; San Francisco Democratic Party

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S.P. plans for 180-acre toxic soil cleanup

By Pat Christensen

On June 21, representatives from the California Department of Health Services and Southern Pacific Transportation Company met with residents of Visitacion Valley at the Community Center to discuss the hazardous waste clean-up of the Brisbane Rail Yard Site.

Mandated by the state of California, Southern Pacific will be cleaning up any residual hazardous waste in the yard prior to considering development of the property.

As clearly described by Southern Pacific's four page ad in the June GRAPEVINE, site investigations have been underway since 1981 to determine the extent of contamination at the site and the type and degree of clean-up required.

Rick Robison, Department of Health Services, reported that his department will be overseeing the clean-up, but that there is no evidence of acute threat of hazardous contamination.

"The clean-up occurs in several phases," reported Robison, "There is remedial investigation, a feasibility study, remedial action plan, implementation of the plan, a remedial design to protect the public health and implementation of that design."

The yard encompasses 180 acres. SP's landfill east of the yard is not involved. The site was acquired by Southern Pacific in 1896 as fill land. Rubble from the San Francisco earthquake and fire was used to create land

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Editorial

The right way and the wrong way

In the June issue of the GRAPEVINE, front page stories spoke of hazardous waste and toxic disposal. On one hand, the San Francisco Department of Planning wrote a plan for disposal of San Francisco's and the Bay Area's hazardous waste which strongly suggested Visitacion Valley/Little Hollywood as the collection site. The community was neither informed about the creation of this plan nor was it asked for input.

On the other hand, Southern Pacific Transportation Co. nudged by the State of California's Department of Health Safety bought four pages in the GRAPEVINE to inform the community that contaminates in the Brisbane rail yard were going to be removed. They invited the community to two public meetings, one at the Community Center and the other in Brisbane, to inform all of us about the planned removal and how it might affect our community.

Southern Pacific also outlined their communication and public relations plans indicating their intention to involve the community at every turn.

It was written in British Canon and Feudal law in 1765, *Liberty cannot be preserved without knowledge*. To paraphrase, ***community cannot be preserved without involvement.***

Thank you, Southern Pacific, for coming to the community with your plans. We welcome the opportunity to be informed in advance of changes and developments which affect us.

However, in both cases before us, the City's hazardous waste disposal plans and the clean-up of the Southern Pacific rail yards, we will be watching, evaluating, and judging plans and actions undertaken. The people of the southeast section of San Francisco, even though often overlooked and underserved by the City have won significant battles when their neighborhood is threatened, and they will again.

Veterans of Foreign Wars band entertained at John King Center's annual fundraising barbecue

PARENT LINK

Sometimes they start before the student ever goes to his first class. An alphabet soup of standardized tests designed to measure our aptitudes and potential can start as early as pre-school and continue right through high school, Among other things these tests help predict how well we will "succeed" in future educational endeavors. For student and parent they can create worry, anxiety, stress and in many cases disappointment that scores weren't another 10, 50, or 100 points higher. Most of us aren't among the few destined to score so high that even the most elite schools would love to have us. We wrongly assume that less than "perfect" scores diminish an outstanding school record and cast "doubt" on our ability to suceed in future academic settings.

What is the magic score on these tests that guarantees sucess? Is there one? As important as they are espoused to be, they are but one factor in a growing list of variables which account for actual academic and even career "success" as it relates to specific verbal, mathematical or other such skills. Psychologists are finding that the skills needed to solve many other types of problems are far different from the mathematics and language skills found on paper and pencil tests. Learn to recognize the power of these other skills and understand that they are as important to your future success as are a gifted verbal and mathematics aptitude. By doing this you will be increasing your child's chances for successs later in life by a factor higher than any standardized test score could ever measure.

The best part of these "other" skills is that they are not inborn, they can be learned and developed.

Housing Fair takes off

The momentum is building as community organizations and business sponsors sign-on to participate in the Affordable Housing Fair to be held August 26th at the Civic Center. The fair is being organized by the Community Housing Network, a city-wide clearinghouse of non-profit housing developers, renter's rights organizations, homeless advocates, service providers for persons with special housing needs and public policy organizations dedicated to providing and preserving affordable housing options for San Francisco residents.

The goal of the Fair is to provide education and information so that the affordable housing consumer can effectively respond to solutions to San Francisco's Housing problems.

Fair Hotline number is 398-4142.

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Petitions are being circulated through Visitacion Valley and Little Hollywood which will be directed to Mayor Art Agnos. The petitions state clearly that the signers do not want a hazardous waste dump in Visitacion Valley, Little Hollywood or anywhere else in the southeast section of San Francisco.

If you wish to voice your opinion to Mayor Agnos and the Planning Department sign one of these petitions or send the coupon below to the Visitacion Valley Grapevine, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, Ca 94134.

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where once there was water.

Southern Pacific began operations at the yard in 1914 and ceased in 1960. The contaminants found include alkaline caustics (soaps), corrosion inhibitors, grease, oil and fuel oil, paints and thinners and other organic solvents.

Still remaining at the site is the Brisbane Fire Department, the defunct turntable and round house. Other buildings have been removed. Two hundred and five soil samples have been analyzed and the forty-two wells on the property investigated. No health risk was evident.

The clean-up will consist of soil excavation and replacement, and methods described as 'bioreclamation," "asphalt batching," "thermal stripping," "soil washing," "soil pixation," and "soil containment" will be used.

Greg Shepherd, David Bright, Shirley Buford ,Rick Robison, and Mara Feeney explain clean-up plans

The remedial investigation and feasibility study will begin in 1990 with the action plan implemented in 1991.

Southern Pacific is embarking on a community outreach plan. Community meetings, fact sheets, presentations to groups are part of that plan as well as establishing a library of information at the Community Center available to any interested party.

A number of questions from the floor indicated a serious concern about the effects on air and water quality during the clean-up. Questions about windblown contaminants during processing of earth; bay and underground water pollution and emissions from burning. Robison assured those present that DHS would monitor the clean-up.

If you want to know more about Southern Pacific's plans for the clean-up or the future of the yard, contact Rick Robison, Project Manager or Shirley Buford, Community Relations Officer at Department of Health Services, toxic substances Control Division, 5850 Shellmound, Emeryville, CA 94608, phone (415) 540-2043 or contact Southern Pacific representative, Greg Shepherd, Environmental Department, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, One Market Plaza, Room 1004, San Francisco, CA 94105, phone (415)541-2545.

There is a group people cruising neighborhoods painting house numbers on the curb in front of homes. If such a group is cruising your neighborhood don't be fooled into thinking they represent the police department fire department or any other governmental organization.

These people should be consider independent contractors and you have no obligation whatsoever to pay them any money if you choose not to. Even if they have already painted your house number on the curb you are not obligated in anyway.

Should you be happy to have your house number painted on your curb pay the painters whatever you wish. They recommend $10.00, but again you are not obligated to them in anyway.

Catholic Charities

Free teen counseling

Free counseling is available to San Francisco teens and their families through Catholic Charities' Family Therapy Program. The service is designed to assist students, non-students, runaways and teens on probation who are experiencing trouble adjusting to both the usual and out-of-the ordinary factors that impact family life.

Stress, school, work, cultural differences, abuse and communication problems arfe just some of the dynamics that can get in the way of a health family, and the Family Therapy Program's professional counselors offer guidance, information and support.

The program is free and open to San Francisco teens and their families. Spanish and English speaking counselors are available through the program's Lawton Street office, 665-5100 or the Valencia Street office, 550-1193. Teens or family members should call for an appointment.

50 KM bike event

A 50-kilometer, scenic bicycle tour through the streets of San Francisco marks the route of the Tenth Annual LeTour de San FRANCEcisco scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at 7:30 a.m. This 30 mile coastal ride, which starts and finishes at Crissy Field is open to all bicylists 15 years and older. This is not a race.

All registered participants are eligible for the grand prize, a trip for two to Paris. Also, each participant will receive an official Le Tour T-shirt, a French lesson from Alliance Francaise de San Francisco and valuable discount coupons. Exhibits and refreshments will be part of the post-event celebration.

Le Tour de SanFRANCEcisco is sponsored by Hotel Sofitel San Francisco Bay and proceeds benefit the American Heart Association.

Entry forms are available by writing Le Tour de SanFRANCEcisco at 2966 Diamond St., #444, San Francisco 94131 or calling (415) 664-BIKE. Registration is $15.00 before Friday, July 7 and $18.00 thereafter and on the day of the event.

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Bay Bridge job takes a toll

By Jerry Galvan

The bond floating $70 million San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge was completely paid off as early as 1954, yet CALTRANS has, up to this date, continued collecting toll from motorists.

John Sant, bridge toll captain, had a ready answer when asked why the Bay Bridge which was inaugurated on November 12, 1936, continues to exact toll from commuters.

"The more than $100,000 collected daily from those who use the bridge is spent not only for its maintenance but also to subsidize San Mateo and Dumbarton bridges, Oakland AC Transit, BART, and San Francisco Muni.

Sant said that all of the above named subsidiaries have not been able to stand on their own feet since inception and that help from the Bay Bridge has been a must. "The Metropolitan Transit Commission takes a big chunk of the collection and doles it out as subsidiary money."

At the rate use of the bridges increases in volume, a time will come when traffic on both east and west sides will be catastrophically dense. A parallel bridge has been planned.

When a parallel bridge is built, 61 year old John Sant

Captain John Sant

believes that he would have long retired from the service.

Sant, just like the 105 toll collectors working under him, the six toll sergeants, and five toll lieutenants, is a California civil service employee. He answers to the Civil Service Commission which sees to it that his decisions and actions contribut to effective operation of the 53 year old bridge.

Sant joined the service on August 7, 1951 at a time when crossing the bridge in a four-wheel drive car cost only one quarter. Five years later, shifted from the Bay Bridge to the newly opened Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, he collected the first seventy-five cents paid as toll on September 1, 1956.

His assignment at the Richmond San Rafael Bridge lasted for only a little over a year. His talents were undoubtedly very much needed at the rapidly burgeoning Bay Bridge.

"The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge has given me a unique experience in toll bridge management and supervision," Captain Sant said. "I rose from the ranks as a toll collector, supervisor and finally captain in 1976."

Sant has developed an insight that is truly humanistic and often times annecdotal. He tells the story about the motorist who stopped his car at Sant's booth and got out with a monkey. "The monkey came out onto the roof, gave me a quarter (the fare in the '50s), and then got back into the car and they drove off. I collected toll from a monkey," Sant recalled.

"Another motorist had a pony standing at the back of his car. He was on his way to San Francisco to take pictures with children. We've had college-aged pranksters who burned quarters with cigaret lighters before handing them over to the toll taker; motorists with vicious dogs, drunks, drivers suffering from heart attacks or diabetic comas, expectant mothers who didn't make it to a hospital; commuters who use rubber mannequins to fool toll takers into believing they have a car pool, and, of course, people with no money on them."

Motorists who attempt to run the toll booth and not pay are chased by the California Highway Patrol. The fine is $80.00.

Bridge users without money are given forms to return with the payment.

"Bridge toll collection," said Sant, "appears to be a simple job. It is complex and challenging. One has to be of above average intelligence and alert all the time."

A native of San Francisco, Sant lives with his wife and unmarried son, John, Jr., in Little Hollywood. Sant and his wife, Jenny Benedetti, married in 1954 and they have four children. "All of my children," reported Sant, "studied at St. Paul of the Shipwreck Catholic School."

Bayview gets state water grant

State Senator Quentin L. Kopp (I-San Francisco, San Mateo) announced today that the California Department of Water Resources will award a $50,000 grant to the New Bayview Committee to restore Islais Creek in the Bayview-Hunter's Point area of San Francisco.

The grant will enable the New Bayview Committee, a community group, to revitalize one of the few remaining restorable creeks in San Francisco and to increase public access to Islais Creek for fishermen and other recreationists.

The Department of Water Resources received applications totaling $9,000,000 in requests and funded only $800,000 in projects. The grant to the New Bayview Committee was one of the largest awards in the state.

Kopp stated, "As the Hunter's Point and Bayview communities' representative in the California State Senate, I am delighted to have assisted this meritorious project. I look forward to the day when a renewed Islais Creek becomes a reality."

Scholarship fund sought by Kopp

Lamenting that American students consistently rank poorly in international comparisons of math and science achievement, State Senator Quentin L. Kopp (I-San Francisco, San Mateo) hopes to establish a new California State Scholarship Fund financed by a voluntary tax check-off on state personal income tax returns.

"It is not merely an academic curiosity that the math and science text scores of American students have taken a nose dive," Kopp declared. "Our state and nation are at grave risk of losing our industrial and economic competitiveness if we continue to neglect math and science education in our schools."

On June 19th, the full state Senate passed Kopp's legislation, SB 1083, which would allow taxpayers to make tax-deductible contributions of $1 or more to the California State Scholarship Fund. The fund would make grants to students majoring in math or science at public and private universities throughout the state. If passed by the Assembly and signed into law, the math and science tax check-off would appear on tax returns in 1992.

"SB1083 is not just about improving grades and test scores," Kopp continued. "It's about creating jobs and preserving California's stake in the future world economy."

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Youth Career Fair set for July 29

On Saturday, July 29, the Bayview-Hunter's Point Youth Development Program will host its Third Annual Career Day. Employers throughout the Bay Area have been invited to the event to become acquainted with area youth who seek to explore a variety of career opportunities. The event is free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at All Hallows School, 1601 Lane Street.

Youngsters will have the opportunity to learn about new careers, the job market, education and training. But employers also will get a chance to learn about an ambitious, bright group of youngsters who have limited opportunity to explore career options with professionals.

Dion Williams simulates paramedic procedures for Carl Reed at last year's career day

The Bayview-Hunter's Point Youth Development Program, a program of Catholic Charities, began in 1985 at the request of local parishes. Initially it served to build the self-esteem of teenagers through peer support groups. In recent years its focus expanded to employment-skills development - including workshops on resume writing, interview techniques and visits to potential job sites.

Participants in this successful program range in age from 12-21 years and meet monthly at All Hallows Church. Members direct their own meetings, establish a values code, plan activities and fundraise for helping organizations in their area. Many come from single-parent families, and in addition to providing support to the youth, Director Tony Robert serves as a referral resource for their parents.

For information on the Bayview-Hunter's Point Youth Development Center's Career Day, please call Tony Robert at 822-5720 or 864-7400.

Bayview Hunters Point crime panel report

Bayview-Hunters Point Crime Abatement Committee reports on several projects and problems as follows:
1. The new police station proposed for the corner of Williams Avenue and Phelps Street was discussed at the Board of Supervisors Finance Committee and heard at two weekly board of Supervisors meeting and was approved. This means construction should began in the very near future. This committee should began negotiation to identify and insure those community residents willing to work be given the opportunity to work on this project.

2. A lengthy discussion about the removal of the bus shelters from the corners of Palou Avenue and 3rd Street followed. The main purpose of this discussion was for the community to understand collectively we allowed our own youth to destroy something beneficial for our community. A long time resident identified that previously funds had been raised and turned over to the city to construct permanent shelters at the above mentioned intersection. Since we have nothing installed for shelters, it was requested that an investigation be conducted to see what happened to the community funds, and if they're still available, they should be utilized in new projects for this community.

3. The committee still expressed a concern for lack of responsiveness of City Agencies to dealing with problems in the BVHP Community. Mr. Bob Hubbard agreed to develop a form with required information for the Crime Abatement Committee to initiate the follow up action required for a positive response.

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I Take Off

By Joseph Porter

At the age of 14, I graduated from high school and went to work at the FIAT Factory as a bookkeeper. It was towards the end of the First World War, which at the time was known as 'the war to end all wars.'

I was confined to a desk for three years, 12 hours a day, six days a week. I felt tied down, suppressed and smothered. The future looked bleak and hopeless.

The factory had been operating at full capacity to produce war materials and at the end of hostilities, found itself overstaffed. Being loath to fire any of their workers, they put out a manifesto offering to anyone who would willingly resign, one month's pay for each year spent in their employ.

It was the opportunity of a lifetime. Three months' pay for free was too much of a temptation. I grabbed it and went home, fait accompli, with a pocket full of lire.

I did not get the reception I had anticipated. My mother was shocked, my stepfather was indignant, siblings all thought I had lost my marbles and my cat shied away from me.

I knew what I wanted and I refused to reconsider. It was now or never; I was free. A whole wide, beautiful world was beckoning, urging me on, promising unlimited opportunities for thrills, adventures, joy and happiness.

"Tomorrow I a[illegible]eaving," I simply told my family. They

took it as a joke and would not believe me. When I awoke at five the next morning, in time to catch my train, my mother was the only one to see me off.

Though she lived to the age of 88, I never saw her again.

What's doing in the park

City Chorus to hold auditions

If you have a pleasant singing voice, and can read music, the San Francisco City Chorus may be for you. Auditions will be scheduled beginning July 19th.

Directed by Fred Goff, the City Chorus rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7p.m. to 9p.m. at Washington High School. Programs for the year include: Vierne's "Organ Mass," Handel's "Messiah," Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and Mendelssohns's "Elijah."

To audition, call Fred Goff at 586-4805. Tenors and basses are encouraged.

Tennis at Herz Free for kids

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is offering free beginning tennis lessons to youth, ages 8 - 12, at Herz Playground on Tuesdays, 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. and Saturdays, 10:30a.m.-11:30a.m. Call Renee Strong at 333-0930 or visit the playground at Visitacion Avenue at Hahn Street.

Special Events

July 4

Celebrate Independent Day with the Golden Gate Park Band conducted by Robert Hansen, Bandshell, free. 1p.m.

San Francisco Mime Troupe performs at Mission Dolores Park, 18th and Dolores. Free. 2p.m. - 3:30p.m.

July 5

Pee Wee's Big Adventure showing at Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way, Corona Heights. Donation $1. 10a.m.

Sandcastle Building for kids, Larsen Park, 19th Avenue and Vicente Street. 11a.m.

July 6

City Celebration's Summer Festival of Performing Arts, featuring Ina Chalis Opera Ensemble, Les Musette-French Can-Can and Rosa Montoya Bailes Flemncos, Bandshell, Golden Gate Park, free. 11a.m.-4p.m.

Money from fines

Youth program grants

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith announced the distribution of funding for projects to assist juveniles to end lives of exploitation.

The funding monies, approximately $190,000 are realized as the result of cases against defendants who pled guilty to charges involving teenage prostitutes.

The breakdown of grant awards is as follows:

1. The Homeless Youth Network, $80,000 ($20,000 per agency) to Catholic Charities-Diamond St. Youth Center, Central Hospitality House, Huckleberry House/Youth Advocates and Larkin Street Youth Center.

2. Real Alternatives Program - $13,000.

3. California Prostitutes Education Project - $13,000.

4. Department of Social Services and the Homeless Youth Network - $85,000 to be disbursed over a three year period.

"Unfortunately there are some young people out on our streets who don't know what it is to have a place to sleep, a good meal or someone to help them with their problems," Arlo Smith stated. "The programs receiving the additional monies are assisting many youths who otherwise would be helpless. In turn we are happy to be able to help these programs expand their efforts to care for and assist troubled juveniles."

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Little Hollywood Report

By Don Bertone

The next general membership meeting of the Little Hollywood improvement Association will be on Tuesday, July 11th, 7 p.m. at 120 Lathrop Ave., the Dorean Presbyterian Church. Call 467-9669 for information.

Some of the items on the agenda will deal with the toxic waste cleanup at the train station, airport noise, and a proposal to develop a master plan for the Sanitary Fill Company's transfer station.

We still have trouble getting into the neighborhood during ball games, particularly from the Candlestick Park Transportation Task Force by making our requests known. This is an issue that will affect all Vis Valley residents for years to come as anyone who has ever received a ticket or was forced to go with the flow of traffic to the game can attest to. Here is one of the results that will be implemented.

California Highway Patrol officers stationed at the Harney/Alana intersection before games will allow traffic coming off the northbound 101 Candlestick Park exit to go to the left side of the median along Harney Way in order to reach Executive Boulevard East and Blanken Avenue. A special sign reading "Executive Park" with a left arrow has been installed at this intersection for use during the pre-game period only. The sign is not visible at other times. A second sign in advance of this one will be installed shortly.

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Feb. 20-March 19 Though conditions may be less than conducive to financial gain, your profits increase day by day. Keep smiling and eventually the world will smile with you.

♈ ARIES:

March 20-April 19 You're always boasting about one thing or another. Now it's time to put your money where your mouth is. Stop talking and start doing.

♉ TAURUS:

April 20-May 19 Pay less attention to everyone else and listen more to your own heart. You know what's right and what isn't. Don't be influenced by others.

♊ GEMINI:

May 20-June 21 Hope you had a great birthday! This month offers you more than one opportunity to set right a past mistake. Don't make the same mistake, twice.

♋ CANCER:

June 22-July 22 What you say and how you say it this month, is not quite as important as what you do and how you do it. Take a Pisces to lunch.

♌ LEO:

July 23-Aug. 22 Capture the limelight early this month and work to maintain it. be bold. The message to Taurus goes for you, as well. Happy Birthday and don't clam-up now!

♍ VIRGO:

Aug. 23-Sept 22 Do not allow others to take control where it should be yours and yours alone. Don't be a doormat, stand up for yourself.

♎ LIBRA:

Sept.23-Oct. 22 Keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut! As you know it's up to you to keep harmony, and you'll be plenty busy! Buy a lotto ticket this month.

♏ SCORPIO:

Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Risk factor is unusually high this month. Slow down and take your time. Be careful with travel. It could be a wonderful month, or not - it's up to you.

♐ SAGITTARIUS:

Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Worrisome problems prove to be self - perpetuating. You can break the cycle if you want. Stop running around in circles. Apologize to a family member and go to a movie this weekend.

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buildings would lose many units of affordable housing, and the nonprofit organizations could not meet their goal of serving the community."

Another problem is that six Section 8 subsidized buildings in San Francisco are eligible to prepay their mortgages and get out of the system entirely. "During the last 20 years owners of some federally subsidized apartments received 40 year low interest loans and were required to rent the units at rates affordable to lower income tenants," explained Silverberg.

"After 20 years, however, these landlords are allowed to pay off the mortgages and raise the rents. Some of these complexes were built or renovated in the 1960's and their owners will soon be able to pay off their mortgages.

"In San Francisco, property is so valuable that there is good incentive for owners to prepay mortgages and charge above market rate or go condo."

Geneva Towers does not have this option, however. Geneva Towers recently accepted a flexible subsidy grant for improvements, and this grant locks them into their mortgage for twenty more years.

In an effort to help tenants who receive rent subsidies, CLIH is developing strategies to tackle this issue. The Coalition is reaching out to tenants to form associations, negotiate with landlords and work with local, state and national groups to save housing.

The Coalition has a complete inventory of buildings at risk and a reference library on housing issues. They also provide information on what other groups throughout the United States are doing to avert this potential crisis.

"There is power in numbers," said Silverberg. The more people who stand together the better chance they have of saving their homes. We don't want Congress to renew Section 8 at the expense of other HUD programs. We need more money for housing, and we are reading in the news that there's lots of corruption in HUD.

"During the Reagan administration, HUD was cut 75%. That represents the largest cut made in any federal department... and people wonder why we have a huge homeless population."

CLIH suggests several solutions to this problem:

1. To acquire nonprofit acquisition funding to take over buildings where Section 8 contracts will expire;

2. Through the Coalition to lobby our representatives and senators to recognize the federal governments responsibility to provide housing for low income families.

"They've had fifteen to twenty years to plan for the expiration of these Section 8 contracts," claimed Silverberg. "When the Savings and Loans went under, they responded immediately with money, now we want them to respond to this desperate situation for families.

"We are gaining strength through organizations like the Grey Panthers, the Rainbow Coalition and unions, but we need to have the tenants come forward and organize their own associations and spread the word."

For more information about this issue, call CLIH at 558-7170.

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